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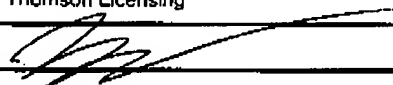
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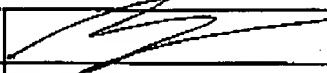
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In response to the Office Action mailed on February 22, 2007, Applicant's request a one-month extension to file this response under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). Please charge the fee for this extension and any other fees owed in connection with this action to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page two (2) of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page seven (7) of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for setting up a voice call over Internet, comprising the steps of:

initiating an Internet voice call to a called VOIP device;

determining whether the called VOIP device is already connected to the Internet;

initiating a first connection by placing a PSTN telephone call with associated caller ID information to the called VOIP device and a standard telephone, if the called VOIP device is not already connected to the Internet; and

determining whether the associated caller ID information is a predetermined caller ID information;

continuing the PSTN telephone call to the standard telephone if it is determined that the associated caller ID information is not a predetermined caller ID information;

discontinuing the PSTN telephone call to the called VOIP device and the standard telephone if it is determined that the associated caller ID information is a predetermined caller ID information; and

subsequent to discontinuing the PSTN telephone call, establishing said Internet voice call with the called VOIP device wherein said called VOIP device ~~in response to the associated caller ID information~~ connects to the Internet by initiating a second connection through a data network.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the associated caller ID information is a predetermined caller ID number.

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3. (Currently Amended) A method for setting up an IP voice call through an IP network, comprising the steps of:

initiating an IP voice call to a called VOIP device;

determining whether the called VOIP device is connected to the IP network;

initiating a first connection by placing a PSTN telephone call with a distinctive ringing pattern to the called VOIP device and a standard telephone, if the called VOIP device is not already connected to the IP network; ~~and~~

determining whether the distinctive ringing pattern is a pre-selected ringing pattern;

continuing the PSTN telephone call to the standard telephone if it is determined that the distinctive ringing pattern is not a pre-selected ringing pattern;

discontinuing the PSTN telephone call to the called VOIP device and the standard telephone if it is determined that the distinctive ringing pattern is a pre-selected ringing pattern; and

subsequent to discontinuing the PSTN telephone call, establishing said IP voice call with said called VOIP device, wherein said called VOIP device in response to said distinctive ringing pattern connects to the IP network by initiating a second connection via said IP network.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the distinctive ringing pattern is different from the ringing pattern of a regular PSTN telephone call.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving an IP voice call for a receiving IP device, comprising the steps of:

receiving an IP voice call through an IP network, if the receiving IP device is connected to the IP network;

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connecting the receiving IP device to the IP network if the receiving IP device is not connected to the IP network, wherein said connecting step is performed subsequent in response to the steps of:

a. receiving a PSTN telephone call placed to the receiving IP device and a standard telephone through a PSTN telephone line, said PSTN telephone call (1) comprising at least one of: a distinctive ringing pattern, and a caller ID information through a PSTN line, and (2) said received PSTN telephone call being a first data connection which is to be terminated after receiving at least one of said distinctive ringing pattern and the caller ID information;

b. discontinuing said PSTN telephone call to the receiving IP device and the standard telephone upon determining that the distinctive ringing pattern is a pre-selected ringing pattern and or determining that the caller ID information matches predetermined caller ID information; and

b. comparing the received caller ID information with a predetermined caller ID information, when caller ID information is received;

c. Initiating a second data connection by connecting to the IP network as to establish the IP voice call in response to at least one of: the distinctive ringing pattern, and if a determination that the received caller ID information matches the predetermined caller ID information.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said associated caller ID information is associated with a device initiating said method.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein said device initiating said method is a server that operates between a caller device and said called VOIP device.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said associated caller ID information is type I caller ID information.

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10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein said caller ID information is associated with a device initiating said method.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 10, wherein said device initiating said method is a server that operates between a caller device and said receiving IP device.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein said caller ID information is type I caller ID information.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein a distinctive ringing pattern is used with said associated caller ID information for establishing an Internet voice call to said called VOIP device.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said second connection is a different and therefore separate connection from the first connection made through the PSTN.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein said second connection is made after said first connection made through the PSTN is terminated.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3, wherein ~~called~~ caller ID information is used with said distinctive ringing pattern for establishing an Internet voice call to a called VOIP device.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3, wherein said ~~IP network~~ second connection is a separate connection from the first connection made through the PSTN network and is made after said first connection is terminated.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 5, wherein said second data connection is a different and therefore separate connection from the first data connection made through the PSTN telephone line.

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20. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 19, wherein said second data connection is made after said first data connection ~~through the PSTN telephone line~~ is terminated.